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WASHINGTON, October 11, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 6 totaled 343,759, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 2.1 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 0.4 percent in the West and down 0.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose 1,689 cars (9.4 percent), and loadings of metals and products were up 1,113 cars (11.4 percent). Grain loadings were down 3,452 cars (12.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 40 weeks of 1990 totaled 13,535,693, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 133,362 trailers and containers for the week ended October 6, up 2.1 percent from 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of 1990 was 4,740,121 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 6 totaled 21.1 billion, up 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 802.8 billion ton-miles, up 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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# WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
## FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1990

### CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

| COMMODITY | WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1990 | COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989 | CHANGE | COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grain | 23,503 | 26,955 | -12.8 % | 22,593 | 4.0 % |
| Farm Products, Ex. Grain | 2,839 | 2,486 | 14.2 | 1,847 | 53.7 |
| Metallic Ores | 16,156 | 16,330 | -1.1 | 18,037 | -10.4 |
| Coal | 133,847 | 131,956 | 1.4 | 134,716 | -.6 |
| Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel | 16,672 | 18,012 | -7.4 | 16,373 | 1.8 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 10,206 | 10,425 | -2.1 | 10,096 | 1.1 |
| Grain Mill Products | 10,165 | 10,060 | 1.0 | 10,140 | .2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8,902 | 8,771 | 1.5 | 9,199 | -3.2 |
| Primary Forest Products | 9,776 | 9,990 | -2.1 | 9,981 | -2.1 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 5,219 | 6,425 | -18.8 | 6,663 | -21.7 |
| Pulp, Paper & Allied Products | 10,311 | 10,597 | -2.7 | 10,841 | -4.9 |
| Chemicals | 28,038 | 28,133 | -.3 | 29,781 | -5.9 |
| Petroleum Products | 5,364 | 5,275 | 1.7 | 5,644 | -5.0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 10,670 | 11,067 | -3.6 | 11,030 | -3.3 |
| Coke | 6,001 | 5,673 | 5.8 | 5,973 | .5 |
| Metals & Products | 10,873 | 9,760 | 11.4 | 11,005 | -1.2 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | 19,698 | 18,009 | 9.4 | 20,399 | -3.4 |
| Waste & Scrap Materials | 8,898 | 8,098 | 9.9 | 9,700 | -8.3 |
| All Other Carloads | 6,621 | 7,319 | -9.5 | 7,111 | -6.9 |
| **Total** | **343,759** | **345,341** | **-.5 %** | **351,129** | **-2.1 %** |

### SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

| TRAFFIC | WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1990 1990 | 1989 | CHANGE | CUMULATIVE: 40 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1990 1990 | 1989 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carloads Originated** | **343,759** | **345,341** | **-.5 %** | **13,535,693** | **13,391,351** | **1.1 %** |
| **Intermodal Traffic Originated** | | | | | | |
| Trailers | 73,911 | 77,574 | -4.7 | 2,646,201 | 2,668,993 | -.9 |
| Containers | 59,451 | 53,055 | 12.1 | 2,093,920 | 1,901,621 | 10.1 |
| **Total** | **133,362** | **130,629** | **2.1** | **4,740,121** | **4,570,614** | **3.7** |
| **Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)** | **21.1** | **20.8** | **1.4 %** | **802.8** | **775.5** | **3.5 %** |

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